SLAVE-GIRLS OR PROSTITUTES?

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

{AND IF YOU FEAR THAT YOU WILL NOT DEAL JUSTLY WITH THE ORPHAN GIRLS, THEN MARRY THOSE THAT PLEASE YOU OF [OTHER] WOMEN, TWO OR THREE OR FOUR. BUT IF YOU FEAR THAT YOU WILL NOT BE JUST, THEN [MARRY ONLY] ONE OR THOSE YOUR RIGHT HAND POSSESSES. THAT IS MORE SUITABLE THAT YOU MAY NOT INCLINE [TO INJUSTICE]}
[Surah An Nisā' 4:3]

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

{AND MARRY OFF THE UNMARRIED AMONG YOU AND THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG YOUR MALE SLAVES AND FEMALE SLAVES. IF THEY SHOULD BE POOR, ALLAH WILL ENRICH THEM FROM HIS BOUNTY, AND ALLAH IS ALL- ENCOMPASSING AND KNOWING}
[Surah An-Nūr 24:32]

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says, describing His believing slaves,

{AND THEY WHO GUARD THEIR PRIVATE PARTS, EXCEPT FROM THEIR WIVES OR THOSE THEIR RIGHT HANDS POSSESS, FOR INDEED, THEY WILL NOT BE BLAMED}
[Surah Al-Mu'minūn 23:5-6]

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says, inciting His believing servants to marry female slaves (if they cannot afford to marry freewomen) and preferring them to a free mushrikah of noble lineage,

{AND A BELIEVING SLAVE-GIRL IS BETTER THAN A MUSHRIKAH, EVEN THOUGH SHE MIGHT PLEASE YOU}
[Surah Al-Baqarah 2:221]

The right hand's possession (mulk al-yamīn) are the female captives who were separated from their husbands by enslavement. They became lawful for the one who ends up possessing them even without pronouncement of divorce by their harbī husbands.

Sa'īd Ibn Jubayr (رحيم الله) reported that,

Ibn 'Abbās (رضي الله عنه) said,

"APPROACHING ANY MARRIED WOMAN IS FORNICATION, EXCEPT FOR A WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN ENSLAVED"
[Al-Hākim narrated it and said, "It is an authentic hadīth according to the criteria of al-Bukhārī and Muslim"]

Saby (taking slaves through war) is a great prophetic Sunnah containing many divine wisdoms and religious benefits, regardless of whether or not the people are aware of this.

The Sīrah is a witness to our Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و سلم) raiding of the kuffār. He would kill their men and enslave their children and women. The raids of the beloved Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) convey this to us. Ask the tribes of Banī al-Mustaliq, Banī Quraydhah, and Hawāzin about this.

Ibn 'Awn (رحيم الله) said,

"I WROTE TO NĀFI', SO HE WROTE BACK TO ME SAYING, 'THE PROPHET (صلى الله عليه و سلم) RAIDED BANĪ AL-MUSTALIQ WHILE THEY WERE NOT EXPECTING IT AND WHILE THEIR CATTLE WERE OUT DRINKING WATER. SO, HE KILLED THEIR FIGHTERS, ENSLAVED THEIR CHILDREN, AND GAINED JUWAYRIYAH. IBN 'UMAR TOLD ME THIS. AND HE WAS PART OF THAT ARMY'"
[Reported by al-Bukhārī and Muslim]

After the Battle of the Trench, Banī Quraydhah yielded to the judgment of Sa'd Ibn Mu'ādh (رضي الله عنه).

So Sa'd said,

"I rule that their fighters be killed and their families be enslaved."

So, Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

"YOU HAVE INDEED JUDGED IN THEIR AFFAIR BY THE RULING OF ALLAH"
[Reported by al-Bukhārī and Muslim]

The number of Jews killed in the battles of Khaybar reached 93 men
[Maghāzī al-Wāqidī]

THEIR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE ENSLAVED, AND SAFIYYAH BINT HUYAYY IBN AKHTAB – THE MOTHER OF THE BELIEVERS (رضي الله عنها) – FELL INTO CAPTIVITY. ALLAH'S MESSENGER (صلى الله عليه و سلم) SET HER FREE AND MARRIED HER
[Reported by al-Bukhārī and Muslim]

AND DURING THE EXPEDITION OF HUNAYN, ALLAH'S MESSENGER (صلى الله عليه و سلم) ENSLAVED FROM HAWĀZIN UNTIL THE NUMBER OF SLAVES REACHED SIX THOUSAND
[At-Tabaqāt al-Kubrā – Ibn Sa'd]

SCHOLARS OF SĪRAH MENTIONED THAT THE PROPHET (صلى الله عليه و سلم) TOOK FOUR SLAVE-GIRLS AS CONCUBINES, TWO OF THEM BEING MĀRIYAH AL QIBTIYYAH AND RAYHĀNAH AN-NADRIYYAH
[Zād al- Ma'ād]

The Sahābah and their followers in goodness treaded upon the path of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) after him. Therefore, we almost cannot find a companion who didn't practice saby. 'Alī Ibn Abī Tālib (رضي الله عنه) had nineteen slave-girls.

Ibn ‘Uyaynah (رحيم الله) reported that ‘Amr Ibn Dīnār (رحيم الله) said,

“’ALĪ IBN ABĪ TĀLIB WROTE IN HIS WILL, ‘AS TO WHAT FOLLOWS: IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME DURING THIS BATTLE, THEN MY SLAVE-GIRLS WHOM I COPULATE WITH ARE NINETEEN IN NUMBER. SOME OF THEM BORE ME CHILDREN, SOME OF THEM ARE PREGNANT, AND SOME OF THEM ARE CHILDLESS’”
[Musannaf ‘Abdir-Razzāq]

Abū Sa’īd al-Khudrī (رضي الله عنه) said,

“I HAD A SLAVE-GIRL WITH WHOM I USED TO PRACTICE WITHDRAWAL. SHE BORE ME THE MOST BELOVED OF PEOPLE TO ME”
[Musannaf ‘Abdir-Razzāq]

After all this, the ramblers dare to extend their tongues with false rumors and accusations so as to disfigure the great shar’ī ruling and pure prophetic Sunnah titled “saby”? After all this, saby becomes fornication and tasarrī (taking a slave-girl as a concubine) becomes rape? If only we’d heard these falsehoods from the kuffār who are ignorant of our religion. Instead, we hear it from those associated with our Ummah, those whose names are Muhammad, Ibrahim, and ‘Alī!

Thus, after the matter transcended its limits and the barking of the charlatans – the wicked scholars – rose upon the pulpits of deviance, it became necessary to face their declarations with a declaration, but one of truth, to suppress their falsehood and restrain their tongues.

Yes, Allah has opened the lands for His awliyā’, so they entered and dispersed within the lands, killing the fighters of the kuffār, capturing their women, and enslaving their children.

Our Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

as narrated by Ibn ‘Umar (رضي الله عنه),

“I WAS SENT WITH THE SWORD BEFORE THE HOUR SO THAT, ALLAH ALONE IS WORSHIPPED WITHOUT PARTNERS. AND MY PROVISION WAS PLACED BENEATH THE SHADE OF MY SPEAR. AND HUMILIATION AND DEGRADATION WAS MADE FOR THOSE WHO OPPOSE MY COMMAND”
[Musnad Imam Ahmad]

Therefore, we did not humiliate them, but it was Allah who did so at the hands of His truthful slaves who did not wish for anything except for Allah’s word to be supreme and the kuffār’s words to be lowest. For that sake, they have exerted their souls and hearts. Their aim is sublimity for the religion and humiliation of whoever desires a religion other than Islam!

‘Abdur-Rahmān Ibn Jubayr Ibn Nufayr (رحيم الله) reported that his father said,

“WHEN THE LANDS OF CYPRUS WERE CONQUERED, THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO DIVIDE THE CAPTIVES. THEY SEPARATED BETWEEN THEM AS THE CAPTIVES WERE WEEPING FOR EACH OTHER. SO ABUD- DARDĀ’ WENT ASIDE. HE THEN SAT DOWN UPON THE GROUND AND WEPT. THEREUPON JUBAYR IBN NUFAYR CAME TO HIM AND SAID, ‘WHAT MAKES YOU CRY, O ABUD-DARDĀ’? DO YOU CRY ON A DAY IN WHICH ALLAH HAS HONORED ISLAM AND ITS PEOPLE AND HUMILIATED KUFR AND IT’S PEOPLE?’ THEN HE REPLIED, ‘MAY YOUR MOTHER BE BEREAVED OF YOU, O JUBAYR IBN NUFAYR! HOW DESPICABLE ARE THE PEOPLE TO ALLAH IF THEY ABANDON HIS COMMAND? WERE THEY NOT A MANIFEST AND POWERFUL NATION OVERPOWERING THE PEOPLE? THEY REIGNED UNTIL THEY ABANDONED ALLAH’S COMMAND, SO THEY ENDED UP AS YOU SEE THEM NOW. INDEED, WHEN SLAVERY BEFALLS A PEOPLE, THEN THEY HAVE LEFT ALLAH’S FAVOR, SO ALLAH HAS NO NEED FOR THEM’”
[Sunan Sa῝īd Ibn Mansūr]

We prostrated to Allah in gratitude on the day the first slave-girl entered our home. Yes, we thanked our Lord for having let us live to the day we saw kufr humiliated and its banner destroyed. Here we are today, and after centuries, reviving a prophetic Sunnah, which both the Arab and non-Arab enemies of Allah had buried. By Allah, we brought it back by the edge of the blood-red sword.

The hypocrite scholars who fear to speak up about a principle of the religion – the rejection of tāghūt? So, do we then expect from them a word of truth on a secondary matter of the religion? Even the testimony of "There is no god but Allah," they obscure it and don't proclaim it openly, fearing that the cruelty of the tyrants – those they ally with instead of Allah might reach them.

They forgot the command of the All-Powerful to His slave Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم),

{SO, DECLARE WHAT YOU ARE COMMANDED}
[Al-Hijr: 94]

Our father Ibrahim (عليه و سلم) took Hajar as a concubine and she bore him Ismail (عليه و سلم) and our Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) took Mariyah as a concubine and she bore him a son whom he named Ibrahim.

It was reported that Zayd Ibn 'Alī once entered upon Hishām Ibn 'Abdil-Malik. Hisham told him,

"It has reached me that you are entertaining hopes of becoming Khalīfah. But you are not fit for it as you are the son of a slave-girl!" So Zayd replied, "As for your statement that I am entertaining hopes of becoming Khalīfah then no one knows the unseen except Allah. And as for me being the son of a slave-girl, then Ismā'īl was the son of a slave-girl, and Allah made the best of mankind, Muhammad, from his progeny."

Ibn Kathīr (رحيم الله) mentioned that,

"AL- HUSAYN (IBN 'ALĪ IBN ABĪ TĀLIB) DIDN'T HAVE ANY MALE DESCENDANTS EXCEPT FROM 'ALĪ IBN AL-HUSAYN AND 'ALĪ IBN AL-HUSAYN DIDN'T HAVE PROGENY EXCEPT FROM HIS PATERNAL COUSIN THE DAUGHTER OF AL-HASAN, SO MARWAN IBN AL-HAKAM SAID TO HIM, 'IF ONLY YOU TOOK CONCUBINES, YOUR CHILDREN WOULD BE MORE.' HE REPLIED, SAYING, 'I CANNOT AFFORD CONCUBINES.' SO, HE GAVE HIM A LOAN OF A HUNDRED THOUSAND. HE THEN BOUGHT CONCUBINES WITH IT AND THEY BORE HIM MORE OFFSPRING. AFTER MARWĀN BECAME SICK, HE DECREED IN HIS WILL THAT NOTHING OF WHICH HE HAD LENT TO 'ALĪ IBN AL-HUSAYN MAY BE TAKEN. THUS, ALL OF AL-HUSAYN'S DESCENDANTS ARE FROM 'ALĪ IBN AL-HUSAYN'S PROGENY, RAHIMAHULLĀH"
[Al-Bidāyah wan-Nihāyah]

Indeed, from the slave-girls are those that after saby turned into hard-working, diligent seekers of knowledge after she found in Islam what she couldn't find in kufr, despite the slogans of "freedom" and "equality." Indeed, it is our pure Islam, which upraises every lowly-one and puts an end to every deficiency.

Abu Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

"ALLAH MARVELS AT A PEOPLE WHO ENTER JANNAH IN CHAINS"
[Reported by al-Bukhārī]

Ibnul-Jawzī (رحيم الله) said,

"THIS MEANS THAT THEY WERE CAPTURED AND ENCHAINED. ONCE THEY REALIZED THE TRUTH OF ISLAM, THEY ENTERED IT VOLUNTARILY, AND THUS THEY ENTERED JANNAH. SO, THE COERCION INTO CAPTIVITY AND CHAINS WAS THE FIRST CAUSE. IT IS AS IF HE REFERRED TO COERCION (INTO SLAVERY) WITH THE WORD CHAINS. AND BECAUSE THIS WAS BEHIND THEM ENTERING JANNAH, HE REGARDED IT AS THE CAUSE"
[Fath al-Bārī – Ibn Hajar]

So, whoever thinks that the ultimate aim of saby is pleasure, then he is a mistaken ignoramus. Otherwise, why did the Sharī'ah urge kindness towards slaves as well as good treatment of them even if they are kuffār whom Allah humiliated by making them into slaves owned by the people of Islam. Yet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made their liberation from the lands of kufr a way for their salvation and guidance towards the straight path.

Abu Dharr (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

"YOUR BROTHERS WHOM WERE PLACED BY ALLAH INTO YOUR HANDS, FEED THEM OF WHAT YOU EAT, DRESS THEM OF WHAT YOU WEAR, AND DO NOT HOLD THEM TO ACCOUNT FOR WHAT THEY CAN'T BEAR. IF YOU HOLD THEM TO ACCOUNT, THEN ASSIST THEM!"
[Reported by al-Bukhārī and Muslim]

Abu Mas'ūd (رضي الله عنه) said,

"I STRUCK A YOUNG SLAVE OF MINE AND THEN HEARD A VOICE FROM BEHIND ME SAYING, 'KNOW, O ABŪ MAS'ŪD, THAT ALLAH HAS MORE POWER OVER YOU THAN YOU OVER HIM.' THEN I TURNED AND SAW IT WAS ALLAH'S MESSENGER (صلى الله عليه و سلم). I THEN SAID, 'O MESSENGER OF ALLAH, HE IS FREE FOR ALLAH'S SAKE.' SO, HE SAID, 'IF YOU HADN'T DONE SO, THE FIRE WOULD'VE SURELY SCORCHED YOU' OR 'THE FIRE WOULD'VE SURELY TOUCHED YOU'
[Reported by Muslim]

Whoever has read history and studied the Sīrah knows that throughout the times there were devious and wicked slave-girls with stories that would turn a newborn's hair grey.

Hafsah, the Mother of the Believers, (رضي الله عنها) ordered the killing of one of her slave-girls who had performed sorcery on her, so 'Abdur-Rahmān Ibn Zayd Ibn al-Khattāb killed her. The slave-girl of Ibn 'Umar (رضي الله عنه) ran away. Will we thus vilify the people of that time and blame them?

Are slave-girls whom took by Allah's command better, or prostitutes an evil you do not denounce who are grabbed by quasi men in the lands of kufr where you live? A prostitute in your lands comes and goes, openly committing sin. She lives by selling her honor, within the sight and hearing of the deviant scholars from whom we don't hear even a faint sound.

As for the slave-girl that was taken by the swords of men following the cheerful warrior (صلى الله عليه و سلم), then her enslavement is in opposition to human rights and copulation with her is rape?!